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PROPOSALS SOUGHT FOR UM ENDOWMENT

MISSOULA —

People seeking funding for historical research, creative writing or wilderness studies should apply for a grant from the Matthew Hansen Endowment, a nonprofit fund at The University of Montana. The endowment awards money to projects that encourage mindful stewardship of the land, both wild and cultivated, and contribute to protection of Montana's heritage.

The Matthew Hansen Endowment was established in 1984 by friends and family of Hansen as a memorial to his ideals.

Funding for projects is competitive, and awards normally range from \$400 to \$1,000. Proposals will be accepted between now and March 1, and funds will be distributed shortly thereafter. A committee at the UM Wilderness Institute reviews all proposals for feasibility and relevance to the endowment's goals. Proposals from individuals will take precedence over those from institutions. The endowment is not responsible for project cost overruns.

Proposals should include a description of the project, how your idea originated, what you hope to accomplish, the project's relation to Montana's heritage and who your project will benefit. Proposals should be no more than two pages in length.

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On a separate sheet of paper, outline the expenses you expect to incur – travel, salary, equipment and such – and how much time the project will take to complete. The committee recommends that projects can be completed in one year.

Include a brief personal resume that describes your qualifications to successfully complete your proposal.

Proposals should be mailed to The Matthew Hansen Endowment, School of Forestry Wilderness Institute, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812. Call (406) 243-5361 with questions.

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